THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) No, Sir. The thrust of the National Programme for AIDS Prevention and Control lies on creating awareness and bringing about behaviour change in order to prevent further spread of disease, and enlighten the people to protect themselves against HIV/AIDS. This is particularly important, since there is no immunisation or cure of the disease till date. The Information, Education and Communication Programme have resulted in higher levels of awareness, specially among the urban population where prevalence of the disease is higher.

(b) No, Sir. At present there is not proven/established cure or treatment for AIDS patients. Therefore, all Treatments of AIDS Patients are basicaly for Opportunistic Infections suffered by AIDS patients. These are provided in all Government Hospitals. As AIDS Patients are treated for Opportunistics Infections, there is no distinction between treatment of AIDS Patients and other Patients.

(c) To prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, a comprehensive Programme is currently under implementation as a centrally sponsored scheme throughout the country. The strategies of the programme consist of (i) creation of awareness amonst high risk behaviour group and general public, about HIV/AIDS; (ii) control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases; (iii) Blood Safety and rational use of Blood; (iv) stengthening and surveillance diagnosis, and clinical management of HIV/AIDS Cases.

Rise in the Number of Unrecognised Medical Colleges

1107. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of unrecognised medical colleges is on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the number of these colleges in each State;

(c) the names of these colleges in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the action taken against these colleges so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per information given by Medical council of India, there are 9 unrecognised Medical Colleges in India. The State wise list of unrecognised Medical Colleges is at Annexure, [*See Appendix 184, Annexure No. 38*]

(c) There are no unrecoghnised Medical Colleges in Uttar Pradesh.

(d) Details of action taken by MCI in respect of the recognition of these Medical Colleges is given at Annexure.

[*See* Appendix 184, Annexure No. 39]

Private Participation in Health Care

1108. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for encouraging private participation in health-care;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether efforts are being made by Government to secure the participation of Non-Resident Indians in this regard, and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Non-resident Indians thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI: (a) and (b) Under various National Health Programmes such as Family Welfare, Blindness Control etc, registered Non-Profit Voluntary Organisations are provided with financial assistance for advocacy, social mobilisation, supply of equipments, consumables, and construc-